



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

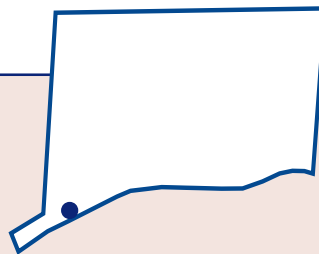
Bridgeport, CT

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Bridgeport was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The City of Bridgeport is a federal Enterprise Community. Although grant funds will be used to assess sites throughout Bridgeport, the city is focusing most of its assessment efforts at four sites in the economically distressed East End community. Sections of the East End have unemployment rates as high as 18 percent and poverty rates as high as 80 percent. The East End is a primarily African American neighborhood with numerous brownfields sites, and has been a focus of the city's brownfields revitalization efforts in recent years. The city is working with a private developer to build new homes in the neighborhood and is working to rebuild manufacturing around the neighborhood to create new jobs and a stable tax base.



Assessment Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Bridgeport for a brownfields assessment grant. The grant funds will be used to conduct assessment activities at four sites contaminated with hazardous substances and petroleum in the city's East End neighborhood. Assessments also will be conducted at additional sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances throughout the city. A portion of grant funds will be used for health monitoring and to conduct community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Bridgeport has received brownfields funding for assessment and revolving loan fund grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.